

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### FIRST BIODIESEL FACILITY IN THE 26TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the City of Denton, under the leadership of Mayor Euline Brock, for its commitment to renewable energy. The City of Denton has teamed up with Biodiesel Industries, Inc., to construct the world's first renewable biodiesel facility. This facility opened at the City of Denton Landfill on March 29, 2005.

Biodiesel is a nontoxic, biodegradable alternative to petroleum diesel that substantially reduces air pollution. The Denton facility demonstrates a further commitment to clean energy by powering the facility by renewable biogas extracted from the adjacent City of Denton Landfill. The facility's expected initial production capacity will be approximately three million gallons of pure biodiesel per year. The fuel will be used by the City of Denton's entire diesel fleet and will also be sold through regional distribution channels to promote private participation.

The City of Denton's use of a biodiesel fuel mix is expected to reduce emissions by twelve tons per year. The opening of this facility demonstrates Denton's dedication to cleaning up the air we breathe—this is especially important in the North Texas region as we work to comply with Clean Air Act requirements. Additionally, this opening shows Denton's commitment to reducing air pollution, foreign oil dependency and generating local economic development.

As a nation, we need to look for affordable renewable fuel sources for our future. The City of Denton has shown how partnerships between local governments and private firms can help to protect the environment in an economical feasible way. I would like to applaud the City of Denton for their leadership on this issue.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF ANDREW J. MAIR

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2005*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary American, Andrew "Andy" Mair. Through Andy's incredible careers, he has traveled the world and had many exciting experiences. I am glad to take this opportunity to share with you his life.

At age twenty-two, Andrew J. Mair married his wife Norma Asmus. In the following several years they had two daughters, purchased a farm, and settled in Fort Collins. He became President of the Larimer County Farm Bureau. He was a member of the Boxelder School

Board, and Elder in the Fort Collins Presbyterian Church.

At age thirty-three, Andy sold his farm and moved to Denver so he could attend the University of Denver. After graduating he took a job with the Colorado Farm Bureau. Andy also worked for the United States Department of Agriculture as the Director of the Denver Office of Conservation and Stabilization. Three years later, he was transferred to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC.

With the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Andy made his first trip around the world. One year later, Andy was appointed as Administrative officer in the American Embassy in Rome, Italy. There, Andy met Pope John Paul VI and handled logistics for President John F. Kennedy, including three trips for Jacquelyn Kennedy, and two trips for Vice President Johnson.

Another exciting point in Andy's career was when he was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs. He served as the head of the United States Delegation to all United Nations Food and Agricultural organizations in Rome. He also represented the United States at the United Nations headquarters in New York for their World Food Program.

Through his vast experiences while working for the government, Andy has earned several awards including the U.S. State Department's Meritorious Honor Award, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Award of Distinguished Service. He received his most cherished award in 1983, the National Farm Bureau Award. To this day, Andy is still the only Coloradan to have received this award.

Andy's accomplishments are numerous and ongoing. Just this year, Andy was approached by Colorado State University's Agriculture Department requesting his papers, records and letters to be placed in the CSU Agriculture Archives. Andy's philosophy is to make the most of every opportunity.

I ask my colleagues to join me to recognize the outstanding acts of service by Andrew J. Mair.

### A TRIBUTE TO MADELEINE GOLDE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2005*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Madeleine Golde who has dedicated her career to strengthening our health care system for hard working Americans across this country.

As the Deputy Director for Health Care Legislation and Senior Legislative Advocate for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) national office in Washington, DC, Madeleine has been a key healthcare advocate on Capitol Hill regarding federal policy. After nearly 7 years of service, Madeleine is retiring from SEIU. SEIU represents 1.8 million

working people in the areas of health care, public service, building service, industrial and allied trades.

Madeleine has been instrumental in fashioning both the strategy and substantive health care policy to advance the goals of SEIU. She has made countless visits to Capitol Hill on the behalf of American workers to meet with congressional staff on important health care policy issues. She has also worked with numerous organizations that share SEIU's goal of improving our nation's health care system.

Most important, Madeleine has been an important partner with the City of New York in advancing several important health care issues, including fiscal relief for Federal Medicaid matching rates, bioterrorism, Bioshield I and II, Ryan White Title I, Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funding, smallpox vaccinations, indigent care costs for undocumented immigrants, Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission, disaster response capabilities, immunizations for children, the adult vaccine program, and Medicare.

Most recently, she worked with New York City to insure the passage of the Smith Bingaman amendment, which blocked Senate passage of \$14 billion in budget resolution cuts to Medicaid and called for Congress to have a bipartisan commission on Medicaid.

Mr. Speaker, Madeleine Golde has been a leader in advocating for a health care system that ensures all Americans have quality and affordable health care coverage. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

### HONORING SODUS SPARTANS' BOYS BASKETBALL CLASS C STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2005*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sodus Spartans for their victory over Faith Heritage to capture the 2005 Class C State Championship title. The 76-65 win marked the first state championship for the boys' basketball team as well as the Sodus School athletic program.

Emanuel Reaves and Gregory Logins led the team, scoring 17 and 22 points, respectively. They are currently 27-0 and are looking to capture the number one spot in the state within their class. Coach Jim Sergeant and the team deserve recognition for their consistent hard work and attaining the championship title.

Coaches Jim Sergeant, Alan H. Granger, and Robert Miranda, as well as players Robert McDowell, Emanuel Reaves, Johnny McCray, Roderick Johnson, Gregory Logins, Matthew Sombathy, Antonio Parker, Jeffrey Kuhn, Dennis Gorobtschuk, Jaroslaw Konikiewicz, Hauke Bruns, Brian Hanagan, Lionel Webber, and

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